Children see dance differently

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Children who participated in the sports dance workshops showed the greatest amount of positive change in their attitudes. Neal was not surprised by this finding. "Almost all children can relate to sports," he said. "In modern dance, most children really don't have anything to relate to because it tends to be abstract."

And, it does seem to make a difference "who the person doing the teaching is." Some of Neal's attitude study questions were geared to find out what the childrn thought of a male dancer as a role model. Some questions explored their attitudes about dance for physical fitness.

The rewarding thing for Neal is that he did succeed in changing children's attitudes "about just a little bit of dance. They now know what modern dance is and how it relates to jazz and sports," he said. And, he hopes that their minds are open to learn more.

Neal has prepared reports on the program and the attitude study for the Virginia Commission for the Arts. He also hopes to have the study results published in a research journal.

The "Dance Is . . ." program is on-going. Neal is scheduled to present his workshops at three schools on the Quantico Marine Base in March. And, to extend the program even further, he will be making a videotape designed for in-service training of teachers who work with upper elementary children.

The videotape will be made at Hugh Mercer Elementary School in Fredericksburg. Fran Anthony Meyer, a Longwood graduate who teaches there, will assist with the production, and Hugh Mercer students will be featured on the tape.

Neal's overall goal in making the videotape is to "help teachers feel confident to work with their students in the area of dance. They can change attitudes, too."

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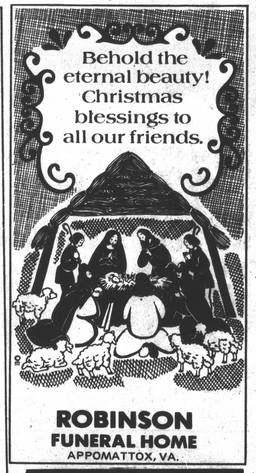

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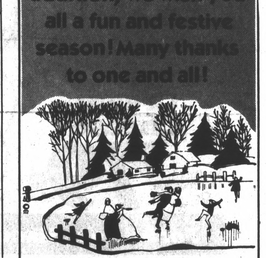
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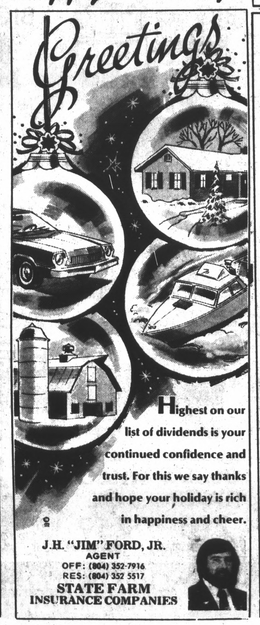

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James D. Bennett

James D. Bennett, Red House, Va., has been elected to serve a four-year term on the American Polled Hereford Association (APHA) board of directors. He will represent breeders in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

Bennett, 50, is owner-operator of Knoll Crest Farm, a 1,400-acre, 225-cow purebred Polled Hereford operation. Bennett also owns and manages the Red House Bull Evaluation Center in Red House, Va.

He has been a strong supporter of Virginia agriculture through local and state organizations. A charter member of the Virginia Polled Hereford Association (PHA), Bennett has since served as president and vice president of that association, was editor of the PHA newsletter and served two terms on the Virginia PHA board of directors. In addition, he is currently vice president of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Board and is chairman of the Beef Cattle advisory committee to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute animal science department. He is also past president of the National Beef Improvement Federaton (BIF) board, and past president of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association board.

Bennett has received many honors for his service to agriculture, including being named the BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year, the Virginia BCIA Seedstock Producer of the Year, and recognition by Progressive Farmer magazine as Man of the Year in service to Virginia Agriculture.

Bennett and his wife, Barbara, have one daughter and four sons, Beth, Paul, Jim, Brian and Jonathan.

RENEE FRANKLIN AND BRIAN THOMPSON, from Mrs. Mays' class at Appomattox Primary School, are discovering how much fun multiplication can be. These students are learning multiplication facts through a variety of games and practice pages. Learning is fun!

Chestnut Grove news

Congratulations to Phillip Bryan who received the Pork All-American Award at the 17th Virginia Pork Industry Conference that met Dec. 5-7 at the Williamsburg Hilton in Williamsburg. Other family members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan, Mrs. Philip Bryan and Caleb.

Mrs. Vernard C. Proffitt is recovering satisfactory after having surgery at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond last week.

Mrs. Susie Talbert has returned to her home from the hospital and is recovering nicely.

Nancy Roop, of Nags Head, N.C., spent the weekend with Ethel Proffitt.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pope, Mrs. Linda Wright and Sandra Pope, all of Amelia; Mrs. W. T. Cook, Mrs. Audrey Mann, Mrs. Helen Talbert, Mrs. Ellen O'Brien and Miss Roma Glover, all of Dillwyn.

Linda Morris, of Richmond, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris. Other visitors were Mrs. Audrey Mann, Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, of Dillwyn, Sonny O'Brien, of Appomattox; Mrs. Kermit Cook, Mrs. Rick Harper, Mrs. Keith Cook, all of Chesterfield.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eder, of Jacksonville, Fla., in the birth of a daughter Tuesday, Dec. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris and Karen Senger left Thursday night to spend the weekend with them. Mrs. Harris remained for a week.

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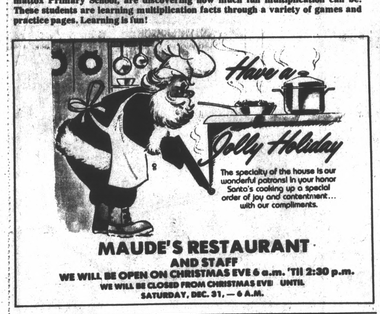
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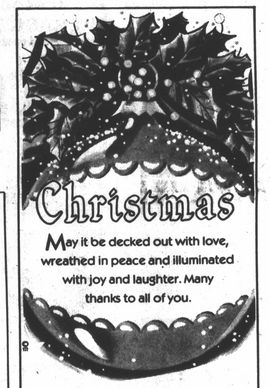
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